TRANSLATION PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

PCT

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P00034145-P0	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Form PCT/IPEA/416						
International application No.	International filing date (day/mo	onth/year) Priority date (day/month/year)						
PCT/JP2004/007897	01.06.2004	10.09.2003						
International Patent Classification (IPC) or nation	onal classification and IPC							
G03B21/14								
Applicant MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.								
	 This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36. 							
2. This REPORT consists of a total of		heets, including this cover sheet.						
3. This report is also accompanied by Al	NNEXES, comprising:							
a. (sent to the applicant and	to the International Bureau) a tot	al of sheets, as follows:						
sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).								
1 1 1 •	sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental							
	Bureau only) a total of (indicate t	ype and number of electronic carrier(s))						
(25								
	related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).							
Box No. I Basis of the	_							
Box No. II Priority	•							
 	shment of opinion with regard to	novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability						
Box No. IV Lack of unit	ty of invention							
DOX 110. V	Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement							
Box No. VI Certain doc	uments cited							
Box No. VII Certain defe	n							
Box No. VIII Certain obse	ervations on the international appl	lication						
Date of submission of the demand	Date of co	ompletion of this report						
		1.0						
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/JP		ed officer						
Facsimile No.	Telephone	₽ No.						

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.
PCT/JP2004/007897

Box	No. I	Basis of the report					
1.		to the language, this report is based on the internation der this item.	nal application in the language in	which it was filed, unless otherwise			
	This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:						
	님	international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))					
	H	publication of the international application (Rule 12.4					
		international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/ I to the elements of the international application, this		sheets which have been furnished to the			
2.	receiving O	ffice in response to an invitation under Article 14 ar	e referred to in this report as "o	riginally filed" and are not annexed to			
	this report)	ternational application as originally filed/furnished					
		escription:					
l	pages			as originally filed/furnished			
				<u> </u>			
	pages						
	pages	·	. received by this Admorary on				
	the cl						
	nos.	2-5,10	<u> </u>	as originally filed/furnished			
	nos.*						
	nos.*						
	nos.*	<u> </u>	received by this Authority on				
	the da	rawings:					
	sheet	fig. 1-14		as originally filed/furnished			
	sheet	s*	received by this Authority on				
	sheet	s*	received by this Authority on				
	a seq	uence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplem	ental Box Relating to Sequence L	isting.			
3	The a	amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:					
•		the description, pages					
	\boxtimes	the claims, nos. 6					
	\Box						
	\exists	the sequence listing (specify):					
		any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify):					
4.	This	report has been established as if (some of) the amend	iments appeared to this report and	I listed below had not been made, since			
		have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as fi					
		the description, pages					
		the claims, nos.		- · · · ·			
	the drawings, sheets/figs						
		the sequence listing (specify):					
	any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify):						
	* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."						

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.
PCT/JP2004/007897

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement				
1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-5, 7-10	YES
		Claims		NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-5, 7-10	YES
		Claims		NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5, 7-10	YES
		Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 2003-241311 A

Document 2: JP 2003-156711 A

Document 3: JP 49-063452 A

Documents 1 to 3 cited in the international search report do not disclose or suggest the configurations that are set forth in amended claim 1, wherein the "respective areas...for shielding the plurality of lenses from light include different areas" and "when the areas of the openings change, the image upon the surface where the light that has been generated by the aforementioned light source is projected exhibits a more or less uniform change in illumination intensity."

Such being the case, it is impossible to deny the novelty and inventive step of the inventions that are set forth in claims 1 to 5 and 7 to 10 in relation to the documents that are cited in the international search report.